

### III. REMARKS

#### Status of the Claims

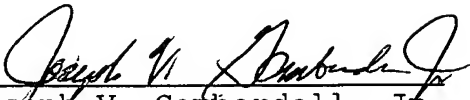
Claims 1-19 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claim 19 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-18 are elected and continue to be presented in this application with claim 3 and 18 withdrawn.

Applicant elects the invention described in Group I as indicated by the Examiner, namely, claims 1-18.

In response to the Examiner's request for an identification of specie, the Examiner is advised that both figure 1 and figure 6 describe a helical distribution of the cells in accordance with claim 2. Accordingly in the first instance, Applicant elects the specie of figure 1 and withdraws claims 3 and 18 pending the allowance of a generic claim. With regard to the second designation of specie by the Examiner relating to figures 5a, 5b, and 5c, at this time no claims are specifically directed to these specie, therefore no claims are withdrawn and the request for election is believed to be moot.

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